

obtaining the resource data from a source of system resources and storing
a shared copy of the resource data to be utilized by the two or more
applications;
receiving one or more resource data requests from the applications;
processing the resource data requests by accessing and utilizing the shared
copy of the resource data; and
communicating the processed resource data to the respective applications.

18. (Amended) A method for sharing graphics device interface
(GDI)/font resource data between multiple instances of single document interface (SDI)
applications, said method comprising:

obtaining a copy of the GDI/font resource data to be shared with at least
two of the SDI applications;
receiving font data process requests from the SDI applications;
processing the font data requests using the shared copy of the GDI/font
resource data; and
communicating the processed font data to the SDI applications.

33. (Amended) A cross-process resource sharing system, said system
comprising:

a central data server for acquiring and processing requested
resource data;
a central data store containing shared resource data, wherein said central
data server establishes a communications link between said central
data store and a client application;